REMARKS/ARGUMENT

A Request for Extension of Time has been submitted herewith.

Claims 31-38 remain pending with no changes. Claims 1-30, and claims 39-43 have been canceled.

As claims 31-38 have been allowed, it is believed that all outstanding issues will be resolved by entry of this amendment, and that the application will thereby be placed in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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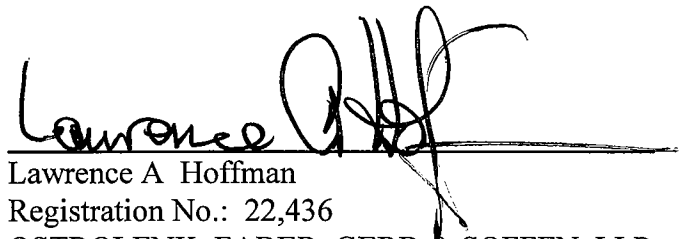

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